

**ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION TITLE: ITINERANT COUNSELOR

POSITION LOCATION: Statewide

POSITION REPORTS TO: Director of Regional Cooperative

POSITION SUPERVISES: None

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Counseling or related field
- Three years responsible, related experience working with deaf/hard of hearing children.
- Fluent in expressive and receptive Sign Language

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years counseling experience with deaf/hard of hearing children and adolescents.
- Experience with blind/visually impaired students.
- Experience in training staff on social and behavioral issues for children with hearing and/or vision impairments.
- Experience working with parents and disabled children.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct individual and group counseling when needed.
- Establish and conduct prevention programs.
- Assist students to develop problem-solving skills
- Assist students in becoming aware of own feelings.
- Develop goals and objectives for Individual Education Plans and participate in multidisciplinary conferences.
- Keep records of documentation of individual and group long and short-term counseling sessions.
- Maintain communications between parents, staff, and student(s).
- Assist Teachers and Team Leaders in the design and follow-up on behavior management programs.
- Provide in-service training to staff and conducts parent education workshops.
- Maintain communication with referral agencies outside of school and make referrals.
- Performs such other tasks and assumes such other responsibilities as may be required time to time be assigned by the Regional Director.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of sensory impaired children's educational and psycho-social needs.
- Knowledge of effective training to students and staff on behavior management topics.
- Ability to relate effectively to children, staff and parents.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing.
- Skill in organizing and planning.
- Knowledge of Arizona Academic Standards

SPECIAL CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

- Travel, including overnights, is required.
- Must utilize appropriate personal protective equipment, as required.
- University credit courses in visual impairment (9 credit hours) to be completed by end of three-year probationary period.